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ed the postal regulations, to take effect im- tion of his country, and to afford to his mediately, so as to permit for the first time brethren in arms an example as highly the elimination of all weight restrictions on useful as his exit has sealed with honor first-class mail matter addressed to all the life of a patriot soldier." to which the domestic privileges already pounds. The mail coming from foreign days later. countries is not limited, and it was felt by this Government that the people in this country should have the same privilege. the other day, and some Washington doc-The weight restrictions already had been tors performed an operation and got the removed from the second-class mail matter. seed out. The operation was entirely suc-

This Government has declined the propositions of Siam and Abyssinia for the negotiation of parcels-post treaties with those countries. There is no direct mail service to either of those countries, and the parcels would have to be carried across other countries to reach them. There is no provision for intermediary transit of parcels, although there is of ordinary mail, and consequently this Government finds itself unable to negotiate any parcels-post arrangements with them.

A message has been sent to the Governreadiness of this Government to negotiate a parcels-post treaty with that country in accordance with the recent request to that end submitted by San Domingo. A copy of the agreement made with Venezuela, with necessary modifications, but substantially similar to most of the agreements made with countries in the western hemisphere, has been forwarded to San Domingo as a basis for the forthcoming treaty.

A full-fledged steam railway is in full operation across the plaza in front of the Capitol. "All aboard for the Union Stawhite building.

itol grounds to North Capitol street, into through his sombrero. which it turns and continues its down-

and harbors which need improvement. The ment in times of financial depression. committee will first go to New York, and then make an inspection of the New Engby way of the Mississippi River.

Under the shade of a big tree in front House, the other day, Speaker Joe Canthey said was not disclosed, but evidently

It was a beautiful example of demoof the Government were at their ease, and fortable. Then, and not till then, with ev- 227 miles of cable. ery appearance of disinclination, they arose slowly and sought another place for communing.

The Agricultural Department has been in the seed granaries, those vast storehouses where are piled the millions of bags ment has to furnish just so many bags of men. Who promised to use every means to seeds to the constituents of Congressmen. The rate have depleted the current public eve. The rats have depleted the supply every public eye. year, and this year had come to be such nuisance as to seriously impede the work of the seed department. How to get rid of the pests has been a momentous question which has agitated all the Department officials for a long time. Finally it came, he saw, he conquered. He brought with him a big dog and a cage of ferrets. R., with the President and the Commis-He went after the rats in person and ac-companied by his animal aids. He kept at for a week, and now the Department breathes easier, and begins to take notice again. The rats are gone.

A few weeks ago. The National Tribone announced that the dust of Capt. John Williams of the Marine Corps, who was killed by the Indians in 1812, had been brought from the ruined cemetery in southern Georgia and reinterred in Arlington. Last week the marble slab which all these years has rested above the lonely grave in the South was brought up, and after a little renovating is to be placed above the newly-made grave. It is so unique as to epitaph that it is here given entire. The slab is about six feet long and three feet wide, and is covered by the following:

"Here lie the remains of John Williams. esq., late captain in the Corps of United States Marines. Was born in Stafford county, Va., on the 24th of August, 1765, and died on the 29th of September, 1812, at 'Camp New Hope,' in east Florida. The National Officers Elected and Installed-A body of the deceased was removed to this not, over which his brother officers of the Marine Corps have caused this pile to be starine Corps have caused this pile to be erected, in testimony of his worth, and of the Union Veterans Union held their Antheir mournful admiration of his gallant end. On the 11th of September, 1812. Capt. Williams, on his march with a comcapt. Williams, on his marrk with a continue to be gast. Fordia, was attacked, was attacked, was attacked. He instantly gave and of twenty men to Davis Creck Block Target, in east Fordia, was attacked. He instantly gave and the instantly gave battle, galled as heretofore, where disabilities of the instantly gave battle, galled as heretofore, where disabilities of the instantly gave battle, galled as heretofore, where disabilities of the instantly gave battle, galled as heretofore, where disabilities of the manual labor. The papers report 35,000 electric lights of large they had a cartridge left. At length, bleed, ing under eight galling wounds, and unable to stand, he was carried off the battle ground, whilst his here of its form numbers, was forced to retreat. Encountered the stand of t Capt. Williams, on his march with a com-

Postmaster-General Payne has amend- panded to crown him with the approba

There is one small darky who declares apply. This action is the result of urgent that he "nevah, no nevah, wants to see representations, largely banking interests, watermellun agin." He got into a waterwho want to send securities abroad in this melon car at Columbia, S. C., and getting way. The present maximum weight re- locked in, had nothing but watermelons striction on first-class matter is four to eat till he reached Washington two

> A youngster got a cherry seed in his ear cessful, but-the boy will be deaf!

> President Roosevelt is the "original" Civil Service devotee, but he is not very hard on those who evade the law. The Postmaster at Philadelphia made the Civil Service rules look like a monkey, and he got—a reprimand from the President!

Baron Hengelmuller, the Austro-Hungarian Embassador, has returned to Washington from Bar Harbor for the purpose of presenting to President Roosevelt a monumental work of Austrian statistics which Emperor Franz Josef has sent to the ment of San Domingo announcing the United States to be given to the President with the Emperor's compliments.

John F. Starr, President of the First National Bank of this city, is dead in his Summer home in Atlantic City, aged 86 dress has set forth a "concise statement of years. In 1862 he was elected to Con-the work of the Bureau of Pensions," we gress to represent the First District of do not deem it necessary to tax your time New Jersey, and was reelected in 1864, or attention by reiteration thereof, but Mr. Starr was the founder of the Starr will simply add that we have received few, Iron Foundry, now the Camden Iron very few, complaints concerning the ad-Works, one of the largest foundries in the ministration of the pension laws, and we

sentative Humphreys (Miss.) says that the ful and efficient management of the Pention site." the conductor will announce, and Democrats will carry Mississippi, but that sion Bureau by the Commissioner thereof, the little "dinkie" engine will puff and pull. they will have to work for it! Now Eugene F. Ware. Off it will go, drawing its trainload of dirt from the site of the new building for the goes on to say that for the first time in a House of Representatives at New Jersey dozen years there are Republican candiavenue and B street southeast, over the dates in all the Congressional Districts of following resolution was unanimously Capital Traction Company's tracks on B Mississippi. That means, he says, that the street northeast and out in front of the big Democrats will have to get out and work and vote. He was himself elected two sions to be appointed for the ensuing year years ago by a vote of exactly 1,146, ev-Right in the shadow of the majestic ery vote that was cast in his district. He sent to Congress, for passage, a bill which, dome the impertinent little train now says that this year, to win, he will have to while not disturbing the beneficent provispeeds, and when it reaches the driveway have many times that number. This is sions of existing law, shall provide that on the north side it turns down hill. With Democratic authority, else Mr. Humphsteam turned off, it coasts through the Cap- reys would be credited with talking who served for a period of 90 days, and

to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks, hold examinations for eligibles in the sev- paid to the worthy widow of such soldier, which it crosses on a steel bridge 100 feet eral branches of the Government service in when deceased, who was married to such long and 22 feet high. It then proceeds to nearly every State in the Union. Appli-North Capitol and E street northeast, cants for many of the positions are partic-where its load of earth is dumped from a ularly difficult to get, and a statement from trestle into the "fill" for which it is intend- the Commission says that so difficult has ed. In this way will the 90,000 cubic this been that every eligible for a position yards of earth to be excavated for the of- in the Department of Agriculture during fice building's foundation be removed and the past three years has been appointed placed where it is needed to build up a and the Commission is unable to keep up portion of the new Union Station site. to fill other vacancies. In a way this indi-The Rivers and Harbors Committee of cates a healthy and prosperous condition the House of Representatives is now making the prosperous of the country, as it is usual for the eligible at a and the House of Representatives plans for the inspection of the rivers lists to be a year ahead of possible appoint-

Qualified persons are urged by the Comland coast, after which they will go to St. mission to take the examination. In the Paul and inspect the harbors of the North- Agricultural Department there is now a west. After the inspection has been com- vacancy for a Laboratory Assistant in pleted, the committee will visit St. Louis Pharmacology at the Bureau of Plant Industry and for a Meat Inspector in the same Bureau. The Philippine service wants a veterinarian, an engineer draftsof the Executive Offices at the White man is wanted in the Office of the Supervising Architect, and a mason and poulnon, Secretary of War Taft, and Repre- tryman are wanted by the Indian service. sentative Dayton, of West Virginia, sat while the General Service and Staff Colon the grass and talked things over. What lege at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., wants a librarian. Other vacancies will be anthere was some exchange of good stories, nounced from time to time, and it seems for quiet chuckles and subdued laughter that this is a particularly favorable period was the constant accompaniment of the for persons to enter the service of the Gov-

Gen. Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the cratic simplicity at its best. High officers United States Army, has received the first telegraphic message ever sent direct from it made no difference to them that the Nome, Alaska. It marks the inauguration casual spectators looked curiously now and of the Government wireless line from then in their direction. They talked and Nome, 107 miles to St. Michaels. Gen. laughed and smoked with all the good-fel. Greely said the receipt of the message inlowship and absence of restraint and fuss dicated that the wireless line was working that are thought to be the special property perfectly. From St. Michaels the message of the obscure. The only thing that disc came by the wire line up the Yukon to turbed them, indeed, was the dampness. Dawson, and thence to Seattle, traveling The grass had not managed to rid itself 3,500 miles altogether. The Government of the rain of the early morning, and the cable ship Burnside, now laying the cable statesmen at last began to find it uncom- from Sitka to Seattle, reports having laid

A Washington branch of the Chinese empire Reform Association, known in the celestial tongue as the "Bow Wong Woy," was organized by Chinese laundrymen and having the mischief of a time with rats merchants, here, last week. The principal retirement from power of the Dowager of seeds for Congressmen. It is true that Empress, Tsi An, in order that the Emthe seeds are no good, and that not a third peror of China may become ruler in fact the proposed law, no report was made of them ever grows, also that they are instead of being a mere figurehead as they mighty poor truck when they do mature, claim he is now. The oath of the society but just the same the Agricultural Depart- was administered to about 150 local Chinament has to furnish just so many bags of men, who promised to use every means to

There is every prospect that the acting watchmen at the Government Printing Office, who are all veterans, will be placed on the civil service list and given the protection in their positions of that agency of was decided to employ the "rat man." He the Government. The matter has been taken up by Commander Abraham Hart, of the Department of the Potomac, G. A.

The Exposition authorities have been tormenting the life out of President Roosevelt to get him to consent to go to St. Louis, but the President has definitely declined. He very much wanted to go to Boston to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, but felt that he must adhere to his resolve not to go anywhere this Summer. He will go no-

where, and will make no political speeches. U. S. TREASURY RECEIPTS.

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WOMAN'S RELIEF UNION.

Handsome Present.

thanked the delegates for the honor of a re-election. Mrs. Morgan, on behalf of the delegates, then presented Mrs. Crafts with Bill No. 10024. a handsome silver tea set.

PUSH SERVICE PENSION.

The G.A.R. Pension Committee The Body Which Will Have Charge Until the So Recommends and the National Encampment So Decides. year:

The following is the report in full of the G. A. R. National Pension Committee, which was adopted by the National Encampment:

Commander-in-Chief and Comrades: Your Committee would respectfully submit that the first session of the 58th Con- ford. gress enacted but two laws of a general character applicable to pensions; namely, the act of April 8, 1904, which increased the pensions of those who lost both eyes, or have become totally blind, from causes originating in the military or naval service of the United States, to \$100 per month; and the act of April 28, 1904, which provides that no part of any accrued pension shall hereafter be used to reimburse any State, County or municipal corporation for expenses incurred by the same under State law, on account of the last sickness or burial of a deceased pensioner.

WORK OF THE PENSION BUREAU.

As the Commander-in-Chief in his adcongratulate the survivors of the war of the rebellion and the widows and orphans How is this for a hot number? Repre- of those deceased upon the prompt, faith-

SERVICE PENSIONS.

At the last National Encampment the

Resolved, That the Committee on Pen sions to be appointed for the ensuing year who was honorably discharged, and who has passed the age of 62 years, shall be ward course across the Metropolitan car tracks on C street northeast until it comes to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks. soldier prior to the 27th of June, A. D.

In obedience to that resolution your Committee met at Washington, D. C., on Jan. 12, 1904, and formulated a bill, which was introduced in the Senate by Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, and in the House of Representatives by Hon. William A. Calderhead, of Kansas. Said bills are respectively known as Senate Bill No. 3458 and ite and the House of Representatives.

The Commissioner of Pensions promptly furnished us with statements, statistics and estimates, and we received a courteous and attentive hearing by each of said Committees, the Commander-in-Chief joining your Committee and rendering val- on his famous Denvey Band, and added uable service upon the hearing before the greatly to the life and interest of the pa-Senate Committee.

The amount of money necessary to pay annually the increase which would inure under the provisions of the proposed law to those already on the pension roll was figure. usceptible of mathematical calculation, but the amount that would be annually required to pay those not then on the roll, Post, 11, of Charlestown, Mass., carried a but who might be placed there under the small American flag, and this display was provisions of the proposed law, viz, "the greeted with applause all along the line. unknown army," was a matter largely of An amusing feature of this Post's dis-

The Commissioner of Pensions esti- than 6 feet tall, each with a letter on his mated the "unknown army" at 180,000, of breast, so that the whole spelled the whom 53,000 were under and 127,000 words "Bunker Hill." were over 62 years of age.

Upon this basis the Commissioner estimated that the proposed law would require about \$34,000,000 for the first year. Your Committee are of the opinion that "the unknown army" was largely overestimated and that a much less sum, probably not more than \$25,000,000, would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Maimed Soldiers' League, was given a banlaw for the first year, and that consider- quet by the Boston Osteopath. able reduction would occur with each succeeding year, owing to the greatly increased number of deaths. Your Committee at one time was hope

ful of the enactment of the law at the first session of the 58th Congress. Many Senators and Members of the House assured us of their support. Howpriations, occasioned in part by the purmatters of emergency, as well as the uncertainty as to the amount that would be upon the bill by either committee of Senate or House, and it went over to the next Session of Congress.

Pensions issued the so-called Age Order, which is as follows:

"(Order No. 78.) "Department of the Interior,

"Bureau of Pensions "March 15, 1904. "Whereas the Act of June 27, 1890, as amended, provides that a claimant shall be entitled to receive a pension not exceeding \$12 per month and not less than \$6 per

month proportioned to the degree of in-ability to earn a support, and in determining such inability each and every infirmity shall be duly considered, and the aggregate attention and applause. of the disabilities shown to be rated; and "Whereas old age is an infirmity the average nature and extent of which the ex-

perience of the Pension Bureau has estab-lished with reasonable certainty; and "Whereas by Act of Congress in 1887, when 39 years had elapsed after the Mexican War, all soldiers of said war who were over 62 years of age were placed on the pension roll; and

"Whereas 39 years will have elapsed on April 13, 1904, since the civil war, and there are many survivors over 62 years of age:

"Now, Therefore, "Ordered: (1) In the adjudication of pension claims under said Act of June 27, 1890, as amended, it shall be taken and considered as an evidential fact, if the contrary does not appear, and if all other legal requirements are properly met, that when a claimant has passed the age of 62 years he is disabled one-half in ability to perform manual labor and is entitled to be rated at \$6 per month; after 65 years at month, and after 70 years at \$12 per

month. "(2) Allowances at higher rate, not ex-

Christie Hickey, of Iowa, acting as Conductress.

After the officers had been installed Mrs.

Crafts made a brief address, in which she

Crafts made a brief address, in which she from its field."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire, H. E. TAINTOR, Connecticut,

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Council of Administration for the coming

Alabama-George F. Jackson, Birming-

Arkansas—Michael Kirst, Little Rock. California and Nevada—W. W. Russell,

Colorado and Wyoming-George W

Connecticut-Edmund D. Riley, Hart-

Delaware-Ellwood Craig, Wilmington.

Georgia-Charles F. Fairbanks, Atlanta

Idaho—John Ireton, Boise. Illinois—Thomas W. Scott, Fairfield. Indiana—William H. Armstrong, In-

Indian Territory-David Redfield, Ard

Iowa-S. C. James, Centreville.

Maine-Ira C. Jordan, Bethel.

Kansas-C. M. Stockham, Topeka.

Kentucky-D. W. Capito, Louisville.

Louisiana and Mississippi-A. S. Badger

Maryland-Robert C. Sunstrom, Balti-

Massachusetts-John W. Hersey, Spring

Michigan—J. H. Greenfield, Flushing. Minnesota—L. W. Collins, St. Cloud.

Nebraska—Andrew Traynor, Omaha. New Hampshire—Orlando F. Davis,

New Jersey-Clayland Tilden, Jersey

New Mexico—E. S. Stover, Albuquerque. New York—David W. Lee, East Orange,

North Dakota-John E. Black, Valley

Oregon-O. L. Stranahan, Hood River. Pennsylvania—Thomas G. Sample, Alle-

Potomac-B. F. Chase, Washington

Rhode Island-John T. Kenyon, Provi-

South Dakota-S. M. Howard, Gettys-

Tennessee-John Trindle, Chattanooga

lan, Richmond, Va. Washington and Alaska Robert Mc-Mann, Seattle, Wash.

West Virginia-A. M. Pritchard, Man-

Wisconsin-Henry Fink, Milwaukee.

ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

Pension Commissioner Ware marched

alongside of Maj.-Gen. G. M. Dodge, with

Gov. Van Sant, of Minnesota, marched

with the Department of Minnesota, and

was frequently recognized and applauded.

Col. Geo. W. Cook, of Denver, brought

Gen. Pritchard, 4th Mich. Cav., who

commanded the party which captured Jeff

Davis, was a noted and much-applauded

play was a line of men, every one more

The members of Warren Post, 12, of

Dr. Jas. M. McGee, First Vice-Presi-

dent of the American Osteopathic Associa-

tion, and Recording Secretary of the

Senator Proctor marched with the De-

partment of Vermont, wore the green rib-

bon badge, and carried a five-cent cane.

Gov. A. T. Bliss, of Michigan, marched

C. T. Bell, Republican candidate for

Governor of Vermont, marched with his

There were 490 horses in the column

The line of march was officially stated at

Gen. Miles sat in a carriage on Tremont

One of the most enthusiastic spectators

The parade took four hours to pass the

The Old Guard, of Washington-the

only active military company made up en-

tirely of veterans, was the escort for the

Department of the Potomac, and as is the

case wherever it goes, attracted unlimited

Gov. Bates had with him on the stand,

beside his staff, Gov. Van Sant, of Minne-

sota; Lieut.-Gov. Guild, Senator Lodge,

ex-Gov. Boutwell, ex-Secretary Long, ex-

Edward W. Kinsley Post entertained a

number of ex-Confederates at the Algon-

The Shoe Manufacturers' Association of

About 80 members of the 11th Me. met

The officers elected for the ensuing year

are: President, R. W. Googins, of East-

New England gave a banquet on Monday to Detroit Post, 384. Fully 200 Boston

shoe men sat down with the veterans.

Gov. Crane, and Representative Ames.

fayette Post, of New York

Gardner, Me., presided.

was Baron Kaneko, the Japanese Envoy.

with his Department, as usual.

wo and three-quarter miles.

Wakefield, Mass., carried rattan canes,

presented to them by the Wakefield Rat-

tan Company.

Department.

and 67 bands.

nated at 600,000.

State House.

Ohio-J. Cory Winans, Troy. Oklahoma-C. B. Hunt, Perry.

gheny (box 87).

Missouri-F. M. Sterrett, St. Louis.

Montana-F. P. Sterling, Helena.

Florida-Hiram F. Flanders, Pomona.

Arizona-Winfield Scott, Phonix.

Marysville, Cal.

Cook, Denver.

dianapolis.

New Orleans.

CHAS. G. BURTON, Missouri,

BERNARD KELLY, Kansas,

L. B. RAYMOND, Iowa.

A. A. TAYLOR, Ohio.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Comrade Collins (Colo.) nominated Geo. W. Cook, of Colorado, for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Comrade Mulliken (Md.) nominated John R. King, who came from a section which was of intense interest in the crisis of the dark days of 1861. Maryland, Comrade Wickersham, for many years a which encircled the Capitol, furnished useful and valued member. A voluminous among the best troops to the Southern report had been prepared by the majority. Confederacy, also furnished more than her of which only a portion was read. It quota of the best troops to the Union army. He eloquently sketched the career of John Sons of Veterans to Post meetings upon The following are the members of the

R. King, when as a loyal boy of 17 he proper identification and taking an oath sought a recruiting station and enlisted in of secrecy, without the right to vote, or the Union army, a man whom every comrade in Maryland admired and loved. Comrade Cook withdrew his name. Comrade Wagner moved that King be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Comrade King came upon the stage and was greeted with applause. He briefly returned his thanks. JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Commander Hamilton (Tenn.) nomi-nated Comrade Geo. W. Patten for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Frank M. Davis, of Washington and Alaska, was nominated. W. E. Maxey, of Idaho, was nominated.

Comrade Cull (N. J.) nominated Geo. W. Cook, of Colorado. Comrade Davis withdrew his name. Comrade Cook withdrew his name. Comrade Maxey's name was withdrawn.

The election of Comrade Patten was made by acclamation. Comrade Newcome (Ind.) nominated Warren R. King, of Indiana, for Surgeon-General. Elected by acclamation. Past Commander-in-Chief Burdett nomnated Comrade J. H. Bradford, of Po-

tomac, for Chaplain-in-Chief. Elected by acclamation. INVITATION TO DENVER.

Comrade Downen, Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyom presented the invitation of Denver to hold the Encampment there in 1905.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rassieur said that, as he had been the instrument of a wrong done Denver years ago, he now gladly moved to select Denver by acclama-

Comrade Cook (Colo.) said that for the first time in history they were able to offer a cent-a-mile on every road leading to Denver. He proceeded to tell the great things that Denver would do for the Veterans. Denver was elected by acclamation.

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner, from Splendid Growth of the Order. the Stephenson Memorial Committee, reported that the contributions were still so insufficient that the committee had not consulted with architects as to designs. The receipts to date brought the total fund up to \$4,318.94, which, with the balance from Texas—James D. Rice, Dallas. Utah—William Crone, Salt Lake City. Vermont—W. H. Taylor, Bellows Falls. Virginia and North Carolina—Edgar Althe Grant fund, makes \$6,757.92 available. The National W. R. C. had given the largest contributions-\$500. A comrade had pledged \$1,000. The comrade was W. W. Blackmar, of Massachusetts, Two other comrades had promised like contributions. Comrade Wagner proceeded to organize a "debt-raising festival" by calling for contributions, and secured an astonishing result. There was much merriment and a little rivalry, with the pledges foot-

ing up as follows: J. S. Kountz, of Ohio California and Nevada..... Colorado and Wyoming..... Connecticut 500 Florida Ohio Pennsylvania— Burchfield\$100 Crump 50 Wagner 100 Tennessee Vermont Blackmar 1,000

RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Torrance Chairman of the Committee on Resoluions, reported the following: Of sympathy with Comrade Nelson A. Miles, upon the loss of his beloved wife. Of thanks to the State of Massachusetts, City of Boston, Department of Massachusetts, W. R. C., for hospitalities.

In favor of extension of the amphitheatre at Arlington. All these were adopted. A resolution asking for the retention of His tall form was noticeable among the veterans and their widows in public serv-1,000 unusually tall men from the Green ice, in spite of any superannuation laws

or regulations, was adopted. A resolution in favor of Washington as permanent place for holding the National Encampment was laid on the table. A recommendation for a Soldiers' Home in Louisiana was adopted.

The transfer of the Soldiers' Home at

Yountville, Cal., to the Government was recommended. A telegram of sympathy was sent to Past Commander-in-Chief John Palmer, veterans in Congress during the past year, who is lying dangerously ill at his home in

Albany, N. Y. VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. The crowds along the line were esti-

Comrade J. W. Kay presented the folowing, which was adopted: Resolved, That this Encampment re-

the Civil Service Commission of the United by birth to your great Order. And it may States that veterans of the war for the without just cause and upon proper charges, may be restored to duty in the highest grade held by them at the time of dismissal, upon reinstatement; also, dismissal, upon reinstatement; also, Resolved, That the applications of any dreaded it."

Ex-Gov. William Sprague, of Rhode Island, who was the only Governor to actually lead his troops in battle, marched with the Post from Atterbury, Mass., and was frequently recognized and cheered.

Such veterans for reinstatement in any branch of the public service shall receive due consideration by the Civil Service Commission to the end that they may receive just treatment by the National Government: Further,

Resolved, That a copy hereof, duly au.

The Convention then sang the Illinois State Song, and Gen. Black and his wife left the hall amid the applause of the delegates. Gen. Black was escorted by Conductress Mabel Luckley, bearing the Flag.

On Wednesday evening a splendid receive just treatment by the National Government: Further,

Resolved, That a copy hereof, duly au.

Resolved, That a copy hereof, duly authenticated by the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General be sent to the Presing line were Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, San Francisco. Cal., the National President: ident of the United States.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Beath, from the Committee on Rules, Regulations and quin Club Monday evening, and then La- Ritual, reported in favor of having a special badge for the Army Nurses. Adopted. Adding to the ritual for funerals.

County archives, or some historical so- prominent in the Order. in Reunion. Judge James Larribee, of ciety which shall accept the custody.

after his decease. Adopted. brook; First Vice-President, Thomas J. Adversely to admitting ant Surgeons. Adopted. Adversely to admitting Acting Assist-

Commanders members of the Annual Encampments of Departments to which they may remove. Adopted.

Adverse to admission of Sone of Veterans to Post meetings. Adopted.

Adverse to reducing the quorum for conducting Post business. Adopted. SONS OF VETERANS. Past Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief O'Donnell, from the Committee on Fraternal Relations with the Sons of Veterans, began his report with a tribute to the late concluded with a recommendation to admit

take part in the proceedings. Comrade Wagner raised the point of order that as this contemplated a change in the Rules and Regulations it should be referred to that Committee. The Commander-in-Chief decided the

point not well taken.

Comrade Davis submitted a minority re-port—pledging the G. A. R. to encourage the Sons to the utmost, but that the interests of both Orders would be best served by complete separation, and that it was not at all advisable to admit Sons to Post meetings. The minority report was adopted.

The Committees on the Reports of the Various National Officers, reported commending the way they had discharged their duties and transacted the business confided to them. This ended the business before the Encampment, and Commander-in-Chief Black

invited Comrade Wagner, the Senior Past Commander-in-Chief; to install the officers-In taking the gavel Comrade Wagner complimented Comrade Black very highly upon the way he had presided over the En-

campment, and said that it had been one of the happiest and best of all the many National Encampments he had attended. Commander-in-Chief-elect Blackmar announced as his Adjutant-General Past Department Commander John E. Gilman, of The Adjutant-General read the invitations from the City Council and various mander Charles Burrows as Quartermaster-General.

Comrade J. H. Holcomb as Custodian, and E. B. Stillings as Assistant Adjutant-General. The officers were then installed, and the Thirty-eighth National Encampment ad-

journed sine die.

LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

Beautiful Presents and Many Courtesies. The National Convention of the Ladies

of the G. A. R. was held Wednesday and Thursday in Larimer Hall, Tremont Temple, which was magnificently decorated for the occasion. About 300 delegates were in attendance, 23 State Departments being represented. The Annual Address of Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, National President, was a glow-

ing tribute to the organization and the splendid work done during the year.
Mrs. Abbie Krebs, National Secretary, read her report in which she stated that Minnesota had taken the lead in adding in the establishment of Homes for aged veterans and their wives, followed closely by California and Minnesota in this good

The Secretary also showed the organization to have a membership of 32,000, and that the work was proceeding satisfactorially along every line.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Julia

M. Gordon, Topeka, showed the amount donated to G. A. R. Posts the past year was \$8,000; for Widows' Homes, \$4,000; for Soldiers' Homes, \$2,804, and balance in the treasury of \$3,000.

Mrs. Belinda Bailey, National President,

was presented a diamond ring valued at \$200, from the Oakland Department of California. To Chaplain Jennie Varney. of Minneapolis, was presented a solitaire by the same Department, amid the cheers and handclapping of the 300 delegates and

Bailey by a comrade from Ohio. National Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Ruth E. Foster, read an account of the new Department organized in New Mexico.

Gen. J. C. Black, retiring Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Black, accompanied by James Murray Bailey, made a brief visit to the Convention. The General and his wife were received with applause and the waving of handkerchiefs, and the whole Convention sang the "Red, White and Blue." Gen. Black seemed much moved by his

reception, and in opening spoke of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. as two great organizations that bore between them, as between the wings of a great eagle, the burden of duty and sweet ministration to others. There is room enough for both these organizations, he said, although identical in purpose. And he spoke of his efforts in behalf of the and said:

California called to her gentle host all over the land and they helped secure the necessary legislation for the old soldiers.

from the Women's Auxiliary to the heroes of the navy, which were attended by the waving of Flags and patriotic music. For her part and your part in this work for my comrades, I tender sincere and as follows: spectfully asks the President to so instruct that every American girl may be eligible happen, for in 100 years from the time of Union, and the widows of such who may the Revolution almost all women but those have been discharged from their positions who have come into our country are eli-

ing line were Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, San rancisco, Cal., the National President; urer; Mrs. Jennie Varney, of Minneapolis, Minn., the Chaplain; Mrs. Annie Miche-Adopted.

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An interesting incident of Thursday was the reading of a letter of greeting from Mrs. Bailey, of Illinois, the mother-in-law of the National President, who is 94 years Your President in far-off golden-gated old. There were also pleasant greetings The result of the election of officers was

National President, Mrs. Mary T. Hager, Chicago; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Emma E. Pierce, Springfield; Junior Viceattle, Wash.; Secretary, Mrs. Genevieve Hager Longfield, Chicago; Treasurer, Resolved, That the applications of any dreaded it."

such veterans for reinstatement in any The Convention then sang the Illinois Mrs. Virginia McClure, of Chicago. The Ladies of the G. A. R. were the re-

cipients of many beautiful courtesies all during the week, and in a body witnessed the grand parade of the veterans on Tues-

Sea Talk in the Army. (Boston Advertiser.)

If Senator Hoar really wants a new Mrs. Ruth E. Foote, the Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Emma E. Pierce, of Springfield, Mass., Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Abbie E. Krebs, of San Francisco, the National Secretary; Mrs. Julia M. Gordon, of Topeka, Kans., National Treasure; Mrs. Jennia Varney of Minneapolis, the boy as simply unsurpassable. Years afterwards when Shaler was at the head of his first company in the civil war, he found his artillerymen slow and rather insubordinate. The new officer worried over the matter, until finally he remembered the old Sea Captain. The next morning he called his company together. He spoke to them in the fiery and expressive language -or at least all of it that he could remember-that he heard on his Labrador trip, A musical program was given, aided by the children dancers of Lynn, Miss Mabel Patten and Miss Iona Stillings.

Lunch was served to the delegates in pressive officer in the army, thereafter. That speech made the company one of the their Captain as the most fluent and im-

